

What is claimed is:

1 1. A content previewer, comprising:
2 a graphic previewer image;
3 means for placing the graphic previewer image over a representation of content to be
4 previewed; and
5 means for rendering a preview of the content to be previewed, responsive to operation of
6 the means for placing.

1 2. A method of previewing content in a computing system, comprising steps of:
2 providing a previewer graphic for dragging over a representation of content to be
3 previewed; and
4 rendering a preview of the content to be previewed, responsive to dragging of the
5 provided previewer graphic.

1 3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the representation is a hyperlink and the content to be
2 previewed is a Web page.

1 4. The method according to Claim 2, wherein the representation is a file name and the
2 content to be previewed is a stored file.

1 5. The method according to Claim 3, wherein the rendered preview comprises a thumbnail
2 version of the Web page.

1 6. The method according to Claim 3, wherein the rendered preview is rendered within the
2 previewer graphic.

1 7. The method according to Claim 3, further comprising steps of:
2 navigating to the Web page, response to a user's request; and
3 displaying the Web page, responsive to the navigating.

1 8. The method according to Claim 7, wherein the user's request is signalled by clicking
2 within the previewer graphic.

1 9. The method according to Claim 7, wherein the previewer graphic remains positioned over
2 the displayed Web page.

1 10. The method according to Claim 2, wherein the previewer graphic replaces a cursor of a
2 visual display of the computing system.

1 11. The method according to Claim 2, wherein the rendered preview uses cached information
2 associated with the content to be previewed.

1 12. The method according to Claim 2, wherein the representation is a file icon and the content
2 to be previewed is a stored file.

1 13. A system for previewing content in a computing system, comprising:

2 means for providing a previewer graphic for dragging over a representation of content to
3 be previewed;

4 means for detecting that the provided previewer graphic has been dragged over the
5 representation; and

6 means for rendering a preview of the content to be previewed, responsive to the means for
7 detecting, wherein the rendered preview is rendered within the previewer graphic.

1 14. A computer program product for previewing content in a computing system, the computer
2 program product embodied on one or more computer-readable media and comprising:

3 computer-readable program code means for providing a previewer graphic for dragging
4 over a representation of content to be previewed;

5 computer-readable program code means for detecting that the provided previewer graphic
6 has been dragged over the representation; and

7 computer-readable program code means for rendering a preview of the content to be
8 previewed, responsive to the computer-readable program code means for detecting, wherein the
9 rendered preview is rendered within the previewer graphic.